no VHG whereas a VHG exists on paper; and

(c) what steps will be taken to make this scheme effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Most of the states in the country are not in a favour of the Village Health Guide Scheme. As on record 320360 Village Health Guides are on roll.

(a) A resolution was passed in the 4th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare that the continuation of the existing Village Health Guide Scheme may be left to those State Governments who desire to implement the Scheme. Continuation of the Scheme/ under Centrally sponsored scheme is under review.

भारतीय दूरदर्शन दर्शकों के लिए उपग्रहों से सीधे विदेशी कार्यक्रमों का प्रसारण

3298. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि निजी केबल आपरेटर सरकार से कोई अनुमति लिए बिना ही भारतीय दूरदर्शन दर्शकों को सीधे ही उपग्रहों से विदेशी कार्यक्रम दे रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इसे रोकने हेतु कोई कार्रवाई की है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) इन उपायों के क्या परिणाम निकले हैं?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री(श्री एस० जयपाल रेड्डी): (क) केबल टेलीविजन नेटवर्क (विनियमन) अधिनियम 1995 के अनुसार इस प्रयोजनार्थ सरकारी अनुमति की जरूरत नहीं होती।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार का संसद के चालू सत्र में प्रसारण संबंधी विधेयक प्रस्तुत करने का प्रस्ताव है, जिससे अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ केबल टेलीविजन नेटवर्क (विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1995 हो जायेगा तथा विदेशी उपग्रह टी०वी० चैनलों के विनियमन की व्यवस्था होगी।

Interruption in the Live-telecast of Birth Centenary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

3299. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that live telecast of the Subhash Chandra Bose birth centenary function at Red Fort on 23rd January, 1997, went off, when leader of opposition in the Lak Sabha was paying tributes to Netaji;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether any enquiry was made into interruption of such an important telecast; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter was looked into and it was found that the telecast went off due to power break down in the microwave repeater station at Vikas Minar.

Doordarshan Production Centres in Andhra Pradesh

3300. SHRI K.M. KHAN: will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan Production Centres are fucntioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, their location; and, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to open more Doordarshan Production Centres in Andhra Pradesh in future or encourage opening of the same in future;

(d) if so, names of places selected for the propose with time schedule drawn up in this regard; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?